

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 496

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Carle M. Davis of Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Carle M. Davis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Davis graduated with a degree in civil engineering from Penn State University; and

WHEREAS, he became a Tennessean by choice and resided in Blount County for more than sixty years, having relocated to Alcoa at the behest of his employer, Harrison Construction Company, in 1941; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious objector with a deeply-rooted commitment to pacifism derived from a faith-based conviction of the Church of the Brethren regarding the sanctity of life, Mr. Davis served during the years of World War II with the Coastal Geodetic Survey federal agency in the western United States; and

WHEREAS, over the next four decades, Mr. Davis worked arduously and rose to the apex of APAC Harrison, and he retired as president of that highly successful company in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis spent much of his next thirty years engaged in two of his favorite hobbies, woodworking and writing. He derived great pleasure from recording written accounts of his family's history, and, he especially pleased others with a treasured volume he authored entitled *Conversations with Clyde*, a whimsical account of the philosophical musings of a neighbor's basset hound; and

WHEREAS, ever engaged in important civic work to better his adopted community, Mr. Davis was a long-time member of Alcoa Rotary, a founding member of Alcoa's Toastmasters, a member of the board for the Blount County Public Library, and a board director of the Bank of Maryville. He served as president of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, and for eighteen years, he served on the board of Maryville College, including four years as board president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was an active and devout member of the New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville; and

WHEREAS, also deeply devoted to his family, Carle M. Davis always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-five years, he gave his love and devotion to his wife, the late Connie Forbush, and they were blessed to be the parents of two beloved children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is survived by his sons, and daughter-in-laws, Lee and Veronica and Mike and Ibby; and

WHEREAS, he was the cherished and adored grandfather and great-grandfather of Jeff, Gabriel, Mollie, Benjamin, Chris, Todd, Emma, Miles, Price, Hayes, Aden, and Nyah; and

WHEREAS, Carle M. Davis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Carle M. Davis, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Davis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.